

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A device for the combined presentation of first and second items, the device comprising:

a first element having a first side and a second side, said first element detachably securable to said first item and said second item, said first element adapted for flexibly squeezing said first and said second items;

a second element having a first side and a second side, said second element detachably securable to said first item and said second item, said second element adapted for flexibly squeezing said first and said second items; and

a connecting element attached to said first element and said second element, said connecting element permitting said first side of said first element to confront said first side of said second element and said second side of said first element to confront said second side of said second element;

~~whereby after said first element is detachably secured to said first item or said second item and said second element is detachably secured to the other of said first item or said second item, said first item remains in a fixed relation to said second item, wherein said first and second elements adapted for being connected are connected to said first item and said second item simultaneously or to either said first item or said second item- individually, without said first element and said second element being substantially deformed.~~

2. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said first element includes a first open end having a first length and said second element includes a second open end having a second length, said first and said second open ends being flexible, wherein said first and said second lengths increase to receive said first item and/or said second item and

decrease to detachably secure said first item and/or said second item.

3. (original) The device according to claim 2, wherein each of said first and second open ends includes a pair of deformable arms.

4. (original) A device according to claim 3, wherein said pair of deformable arms form a portion of a circle, said pair of deformable arms extending equal to or more than 180° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open ends.

5. (original) A device according to claim 4, wherein said pair of deformable arms form a portion of a circle, said pair of deformable arms extending between 190° - 310° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open ends.

6. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said connecting element is a film hinge.

7. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said connecting element is a flexible strip.

8. (original) The device according to claim 1, comprising at least one moldable thermoplastic material.

9. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said device is configured such that said device can move from an initial position in which said first and second elements are located side-by-side to a second position in which said first and second elements are located above one another.

10. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said first and second elements have an internal circular cross-section.

11. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said first and second elements are identical.

12. (currently amended) A device for the combined presentation of multiple items, said device comprising:

a first item having a cross-section;
a second item having a cross-section;
a first element detachably securable to said first item and said second item;
a second element detachably securable to said first item and said second item; and

a connecting element having a center and attached to said first element and said second element, said first element and said second element pivotable about said center of said connecting element in a first direction and a second direction without substantially deforming said first element and said second element;

~~whereby after said first element is detachably secured to said first item or said second item and said second element is detachably secured to the other of said first or said second item, said first item remains in a fixed relation to said second item, wherein said first and second items being are~~
connected to each other in a manner such that said first and second elements can be simultaneously attached to both said first and said second items or both of said first and said second elements can be simultaneously attached to either said first item or said second item.

13. (original) A device according to claim 12 wherein said first element includes a first open end and said second element includes a second open end, said first and said second open ends being flexible, wherein said first and said second open ends increase in length to receive said first item and/or said second item and decrease in length to detachably secure said first item or said second item.

14. (currently amended) A device according to claim ~~12~~ 13 wherein each of said first and second open ends includes a pair of deformable arms for flexibly squeezing said first item or said second item.

15. (original) A device according to claim 14 wherein said pair of deformable arms form a portion of a circle, said pair of deformable arms extending equal to or more than 180° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open ends.

16. (original) A device according to claim 15 wherein said pair of deformable arms form a portion of a circle, said pair of deformable arms extending between 190°-310° from one another as measured from said connecting element opposite said open ends.

17. (original) A device according to claim 12 wherein said connecting element is a film hinge.

18. (original) A device according to claim 12 wherein said connecting element is a flexible strip.

19. (original) A device according to claim 12 comprising at least one moldable thermoplastic material.

20. (original) A device according to claim 12 wherein said device is configured such that said device can move from an initial position in which said first and second elements are located side-by-side to a second position in which said first and second elements are located above one another.

21. (original) A device according to claim 12 wherein said first and second elements have internal cross-sections, said internal cross-sections of said first and second elements corresponding to said cross-sections of said first and second items.

22. (original) A device according to claim 21 wherein said cross-sections of said first and second items and said internal cross-sections of said first and second elements are circular, and said cross-section of said first and second items has a radius.

23. (original) A device according to claim 22 wherein at least one of said internal cross-sections of said

first and second elements has a radius that is less than or equal to said radius of either said cross-section of said first item or said second item.

24. (original) A device according to claim 22 wherein at least one of said internal cross-sections of said first or said second elements has a radius that is between 1 and 10 percent less than said radius of said cross-sections of said first item or said second item.

25. (original) A device according to claim 12 wherein said first and second elements are identical.

26. (currently amended) An assembly for attaching two discrete bodies, comprising:

a first item in the form of a receptacle, said first item containing a first product;

a second item in the form of a receptacle, said second item containing a second product or an accessory for the application of said first product;

a device having a first element and a second element, said first and second items being held in fixed relation to one another by said device, wherein said first and second elements can attach to either said first item, said second item or both, such that said first and second items may be stacked one on top of the other or adjacent to one another without substantially deforming said first and second items.

27. (original) An assembly according to claim 26 wherein said first and said second items each have a cross-section which is at least partly circular.

28. (original) An assembly according to claim 27 wherein said first product is make-up for the lips or eyelashes and said second product is a product that modifies the appearance of said first product.